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Letter dated 8 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a statement of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued on 7 March 2016 and the text of a statement issued by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 6 March 2016 with regard to the grave situation on the Korean Peninsula caused by the largest-ever joint US-south Korea military exercises against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (see annexes).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

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Annex I to the letter dated 8 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, 7 March (Korean Central News Agency) — The National Defence Commission of the DPRK issued a statement on Monday, 7 March 2016, in connection with the fact that the US imperialists and south Korean puppet forces decided to kick off the largest-ever joint military exercises, Key Resolve and Foal Eagle 16.

They are claiming that the joint military exercises amount to "a crucial pressure" pursuant to the unreasonable United Nations "resolution on sanctions" faked by them under the groundless pretext of the DPRK self-defensive first H-bomb test and its legitimate launch of earth observation satellite Kwangmyongsong-4.

The enemies, seized with extreme frenzy for invading the north, threw off even the deceptive mask "annual" and "defensive ones".

The situation is getting ever more serious, as the enemies decided to stage the Key Resolve and Foal Eagle 16 joint military exercises by way of fighting an actual war involving the thrice-cursed "beheading operation" aimed to remove the supreme headquarters of the DPRK and "bring down its social system" pursuant to the extremely adventurous Operations Plan (OPLAN) 5015.

The statement solemnly clarified the following principled stand as regards the fact that the prevailing situation has reached a dangerous phase which should not be overlooked any longer:

1. The army and people of the DPRK will launch an all-out offensive to decisively counter the US and its followers' hysteric nuclear war moves to plunge the space of the existence of the DPRK into a nuclear disaster, not content with wantonly encroaching upon the sovereignty and security of the dignified DPRK.

The tragedy is that the US and its followers have not yet realized how the illegal and outrageous "sanctions" make this land boil like a crucible of battle for wiping out the enemies and into what great fury their war frenzy for invading the north with nuclear threats is lashing all the service personnel and people of the DPRK.

As the enemies are foolishly resorting to military means, including a nuclear attack on the DPRK, all its service personnel and people will turn out in the general offensive to fully demonstrate tremendous military muscle with nuclear force as pivot which they have built under the slogan of wiping out the US imperialists and their lackeys to the last man.

2. The army and people of the DPRK will take military counteraction for a pre-emptive attack so that they may deal merciless deadly blows at the enemies under this grave situation, where they are working with bloodshot eyes to infringe upon the dignity, sovereignty and vital rights of the DPRK.

We have the Juche-based mode of military counteraction to defend this socialist country as firm as a rock from any aggression and war in the world.

As the joint military exercises to be staged by the enemies are regarded as the most undisguised nuclear war drills aimed to infringe upon the sovereignty of the DPRK, its military counteraction will be a more pre-emptive and offensive nuclear strike to cope with them.

The indiscriminate nuclear strike to be made by the DPRK will clearly show those keen on aggression and war the military mettle of Juche Korea.

A pre-emptive nuclear strike of justice is to be made in the order specified by the Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army in its crucial statement.

3. If the enemies dare kick off even the slightest military action while vociferating about the "beheading operation" aimed to remove the supreme headquarters of the DPRK and "bring down its social system", its army and people will not miss the opportunity, but realize the greatest desire of the Korean nation through a sacred war of justice for reunification.

We have a military operation plan, of our style, to liberate south Korea and strike the US mainland, ratified by our dignified supreme headquarters.

Pursuant to it, offensive means have been deployed to put major strike targets in the operation theatres of south Korea within firing range, and the powerful nuclear strike means targeting the US imperialist aggressor forces' bases in the Asia-Pacific region and the US mainland are always ready to fire.

If we push the buttons to annihilate the enemies even right now, all bases of provocation will be reduced to seas of flame and ashes in a moment, and the US imperialists' nuclear strategic means on which the puppet forces depend as "saviours" will turn into piles of scrap iron, whether they are in the air, sea or land.

Time will prove how the crime-woven history of the US imperialists who have grown corpulent through aggression and war will come to an end and how the Park Geun-Hye group's disgraceful remaining days will meet a miserable doom, as it is keen on confrontation with its fellow countrymen in the north.

The army and people of the DPRK will make the gunfire of provocateurs in the reckless war of aggression sound as a sad dirge.

Annex II to the letter dated 8 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement issued by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, 6 March (Korean Central News Agency) — A spokesman for the DPRK Foreign Ministry issued a statement on Sunday, 6 March 2016, denouncing the US and south Korean puppet forces for mulling kicking off the Key Resolve and Foal Eagle 16 joint military exercises on 7 March.

The US is working hard to turn the Korean Peninsula into a theatre of war, not content with slapping its unreasonable "sanctions" against the DPRK over its self-defensive H-bomb test and satellite launch for peaceful purposes, the statement said, and went on:

What should not be overlooked is the fact that the US is openly crying out for examining the feasibility of the "beheading operation" and "high-density strike" through joint military drills which would involve forces huge enough to fight a war.

This clearly indicates that the projected joint military drills are dangerous war rehearsals which fully reveal their aggressive nature after discarding such cloak as "annual" and "defensive" that has been employed by the US in a trite method.

The DPRK can never remain a passive onlooker to the US desperate moves to ignite a war of aggression by increasing the danger to extremes in the Korean Peninsula.

In case a war breaks out on this land, it will neither be limited to the peninsula nor will it be a conventional war.

No-one can vouch that the do-or-die confrontation between the DPRK and the US will not spill over to a global thermonuclear war.

The DPRK will completely turn its mode of military counteraction against the enemy into that of a pre-emptive attack, as the situation has reached an uncontrollably grave phase.

A decisive pre-emptive attack is the only way for the DPRK to beat back a sudden, surprise attack by the US ultra-modern military hardware and special units and protect itself, as its strategic depth is not long.

It is a quite natural exercise of the right to self-defence for the DPRK to mount a pre-emptive attack as its counteraction, as the US poses an extreme nuclear threat to it after introducing nuclear weapons into south Korea and designating it as part of an "axis of evil" and target of a pre-emptive nuclear strike since long before it had access to nuclear weapons.

If a war breaks out in the peninsula, the US will be held accountable for igniting the war by mobilizing strategic means and war hardware, regardless of who mounted a pre-emptive attack.